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*Supreme Court Justice  
Donald C. Wintersheimer*



**Statement by Kentucky Supreme Court Justice Donald C. Wintersheimer  
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"I have absolutely no intention to retire early. I plan to complete my term on Dec. 31, 2006.

"In 1998, I clearly and unequivocally promised the voters that I would serve a full term, the Lord willing. I intend to fulfill that solemn commitment.

"I have no criticism of others who do retire early. I respect their personal decision in that regard."

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**Note:** Justice Wintersheimer issued this statement in response to questions he has been getting about his plans. Justice Wintersheimer serves the 6th Supreme Court District, which is comprised of 21 counties in Northern Kentucky. He has the distinction of being the longest-serving member of the Supreme Court of Kentucky. He was first elected to the Supreme Court in 1982 and was re-elected in 1990 and 1998.

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